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PASS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) FOR ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY BINDER FROM EASTMAN

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SUBJ: CIVAIR: USER CHARGES TALKS

1. UNDER SECTION 3 OF INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION FAIR  
COMPETITIVE PRACTICES ACT OF 1974 SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION  
TO PROMPTLY SUBMIT REPORT TO SECRETARY OF STATE AND CIVIL  
AERONAUTICS BOARD WHEN HE DETERMINES CHARGES BY FOREIGN  
GOVERNMENTS UNREASONABLY EXCEED COMPARABLE CHARGES IN THE U.S.  
WHILE STAFF AGREEMENT DOS AND CAB THAT GOA CHARGES UNREASONABLY  
EXCEED U.S. CHARGES, FORMAL SUBMISSION SHOULD BE MADE TO PROTECT  
CURRENT EFFORT FROM COLLATERAL ATTACK. SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING  
LANGUAGE:

QTE: TO: SECRETARY OF STATE AND CHAIRMAN CAB:

FOR SOME MONTHS THIS DEPARTMENT TOGETHER WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR  
DEPARTMENT/AGENCY HAVE HAD UNDER STUDY AIR NAVIGATION CHARGES  
IMPOSED ON U.S. FLAG CARRIERS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF  
AUSTRALIA. FOLLOWING BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THAT GOVERNMENT HELD AT MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA, ON  
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OCTOBER 7-8, 1974, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANT

SECRETARY ROBERT H. BINDER FORWARDED TO R. D. PHILLIPS, DEPUTY SECRETARY, AIR TRANSPORT GROUP, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT, COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, ON NOVEMBER 7, 1974, A STUDY SHOWING CHARGES IMPOSED BY AUSTRALIA ON FOREIGN CARRIERS AT SYDNEY MAY EXCEED COSTS BY AS MUCH AS 75 PER CENT.

FURTHER REVIEW OF AUSTRALIAN CHARGES LED TO THE STATEMENT IN THE POSITION PAPER DATED APRIL 28, 1975, PREPARED FOR THE UNITED STATES-AUSTRALIAN NEGOTIATIONS ON USER AND OTHER CHARGES, MAY 12-16, 1975, WHICH WAS COORDINATED WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT/AGENCY, THAT GOA CHARGES UNREASONABLY EXCEED CHARGES LEVIED IN THIS COUNTRY. THIS FINDING HAS BEEN RECENTLY CONFIRMED BY A MEMBER OF MY STAFF BASED ON FIRST-HAND OBSERVATIONS IN AUSTRALIA.

ACCORDINGLY, I ADVISE YOU THAT I HAVE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3 OF THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION FAIR COMPETITIVE PRACTICES ACT OF 1974, THAT CHARGES IMPOSED IN FOREIGN AIR TRANSPORTATION BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA FOR THE USE OF AIRPORT PROPERTY OR AIRWAY PROPERTY UNREASONABLY EXCEED COMPARABLE CHARGES FOR FURNISHING SUCH AIRPORT PROPERTY OR AIRWAY PROPERTY IN THE UNITED STATES.

SINCERELY YOURS,

WILLIAM T. CALEMAN, JR UNQTE.

2. HAVE HAD ONE PLENARY MEETING AT WHICH U.S. POSITION WAS FIRMLY PUT FORWARD BY WALDMAN. TRANSMISSION OF SECRETARY'S DETERMINATION AS RECOMMENDED ABOVE WILL ALLOW NEXT STEP BY U.S. UNILATERALLY WHICH SHOULD MOVE GOA TO SERIOUS NEGOTIATION INSTEAD OF MERELY FURTHER EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.  
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